

## Important Notice

The members of the Brethren church and others concerned, are hereby notified that J. E. Shope former pastor of the McVeytown charge, under auspices of Pa. Home Mission Board, does not preach by consent or authority of the same after Feb. 15, 1898, for reasons amply sufficient to the Board. He demands immediate pay due for services. We therefore appeal to the Brethren churches of Pa., for our quota of mission money at earliest possible date. Our National Mission Board also appeals to us for our 10 per cent. Will you respond? We will give you financial report in full to date soon.

By order of the Board  
DANIEL CROFFORD, Pres.  
R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec.

## Lake Odessa Mich.

In a recent number of the B. E. in Hol-singerism number 12, the writer makes the inquiry why we don't hear more of our older ministers, through the paper etc., the same query has been in mind these many a day, it is the old posts in the church especially that we look for the counsel and encouragement, as well as the young. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and push it along. At present we are holding a protracted meeting, brother Wm. H. Miller does the preaching. The weather has been very stormy and some nights we have been stormed out altogether, no accessions yet, hope we may have a prosperous meeting.

J. G. WINEY.

## SELECTED GEMS

The reply that Dr. Morgan made to a student who asked him if he could not shorten the course of study into the ministry is very significant and full of meaning. Dr. Morgan said: "When God wishes to make an oak He takes many years to complete His work, if He would make a squash, a few weeks would suffice."—*Ex.*

However perplexed you may at any hour become about some question of truth, one refuge and resource is always at hand: you can do something for some one besides yourself. When your own burden is heaviest, you can always lighten a little some other burden. Let this thought, then, stay with you; there may be times when you cannot find help, but there is no time when you cannot give help.—*George S. Merriam.*

A severed branch cannot draw nourishment from the vine, neither can it be purged that it may bring forth more fruit. The branch that takes nurture to the full without ceasing will in due season "bear much fruit" and glorify the father.

We have not understood aright the miracles of Jesus if they have not sent us out in his footsteps to heal and feed and comfort and bless. Feet are always swift to service and hands filled with mercy when one follows the example of the compassionate Christ.

Hard circumstances make hardy Christians.

## Important Announcement

First, here is something every pastor in the church out to have. It is "The Pastor's Pocket Record," by Sylvanus Stall, a new and revised edition of that which has been for the past 15 years the Standard Record for the use of ministers. Printed headings and special ruled, affording space for recording of 84 church officers, 619 members, and 5,679 pastoral calls directly opposite; 42 communion seasons, 138 baptisms, 84 marriages, 105 funerals, 173 sermons, 63 addresses, 168 new members, besides 10 other departments. New edition (just out,) revised and corrected by the author to date. New side stamp in gold. Exquisitely bound in flexible Morocco (pocket-book style) for the pocket. The price of the book is 75 cents prepaid. To any pastor who will send us *two* new subscribers, or *five* renewal subscribers, accompanied by the cash, we will send the book free prepaid. This is a most liberal offer.

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